Guy

New Edition

NEWSMAKERS

Security Manager For Guy Dead Following Dispute With New Edition's Crew Member

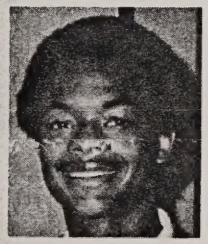
The road security manager of the vocal trio, Guy, was shot to death and another man was critically wounded in a dispute involving the crew members of the groups Guy and New Edition at the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh.

Anthony Bee, 32, of New York City was pronounced dead of gunshot wounds to his shoulders and chest, according to Mercy Hospital spokesman Eric Hoffman. New Edition's production manager Ronald Byrd, 30, of Buffalo, N.Y., was arrested on a criminal homicide and firearms violation.

The dispute allegedly began during a performance in Greensboro, N.C., the night before and carried over into Pittsburgh. The argument, which turned into a fistfight, began over a dispute of stage time. The New Edition was concerned about being upstaged by Guy, according to Pittsburgh police. The crewmen then got into a fistfight that lasted an hour before the sell-out crowd at the highly-publicized concert.

Others arrested were Michael Floyd, Jean Griffith, Ronald Thomas and Vincent Rosario, all of New York City. They were charged with aggravated assault and criminal conspiracy in the beating of Michael Clark, also of New York. Clark, a crew worker for New Edition, was listed in serious condition in Allegheny General Hospital.

Judge Refuses To Drop Charges Against Bridges



Todd Bridges

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge denied a motion by the attorney for Todd Bridges to have attempted murder charges against the actor dismissed.

Johnnie Cochran, Bridges' attorney, told JET that his client should not be held for the first-degree attempted murder charges because he was heavily under the influence of cocaine before the incident in Los Angeles.

Bridges, 23, who starred as Willis Jackson on the hit series "Diff'rent Strokes," is charged with attempting to murder Kenneth Clay. The victim was reportedly shot at least five times and an attempt was made to slash his throat, L.A. police officials said.

Cochran was also unsuccessful in getting Bridges' bail reduced.

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BELLY UP: A prenatal counselor in Redmond, Wash., has come up with a novel way to help men understand what women go through during pregnancy. It's called the Empathy Belly. For the male who can't imagine some of the discomforts that come with carrying a baby to term, there is the 35-pound plastic belly. It can be filled with water at different levels and has pouches for lead balls to simulate what it really feels like to have a developing fetus pressing on their rib cage.

TOPFREE TEN: They are waging war on the city's exposure laws in Rochester, N.Y., after 10 women, calling themselves the Topfree 10, were arrested for baring their breasts. The women claim discrimination, saying that if men can go without shirts, so can they. City prosecutors don't agree, and busted the women at a recent "Topfree Equality Picnic."

WEDDING BOOM: In some areas of Egypt, the number of marriages has tripled recently, due to a rumor that there would be a rise in the legal age for marriage. Under current law, a groom must be 18 and his bride 16, and there was discussion on raising the age to combat the country's baby boom, but the maazouns' association, responsible for Moslem marriages, has denied the rumor.

DIRTY POOL: David Brady, a Manchester, N.H., real estate developer, wanted to enjoy the summer behind his house with a pool, so he built a $30,000 swimming pool and patio behind his house. But Brady soon found that the land behind his home was not his, but the city's, and he may have to dig the pool up.

COKE IS HIP: A full-figured woman passing through Houston's Intercontinental Airport drew more than admiring glances from U.S. Customs Service agents. "An agent noticed she was very nervous and that she was wearing very bulky clothing," said one inspector. The woman was stopped and an inspection revealed she was carrying 16.3 pounds of cocaine inside four girdles she was wearing. The woman was on her way to Holland with her cache of illegal drugs.

LOONIE MONEY: Shoppers going to Canada will have to be really looney in the future, as Canada phases out its dollar bills in favor of an 11-cornered, gold-colored "loonie" coin, which derives its nickname from the design of a loon on its face. The bird is indigenous to Canadian lakes. There are already 240 million of the new $1 coins already in circulation. Sources said the dollar bills had life expectany of only nine months while coins lasted for years.